

Palouse Conservation District

State Legislative District #9
Congressional District #5

Other Accomplishments

- Installed BMP's for Livestock operations to enhance water quality.
- Developed living roof model for low impact development.
- Completed WRIA Phase III.
- Held Annual Surplus Tree Sale.
- Maintained local Burn permitting authority status and provided local office for producers to apply and obtain burn permits.
- Increased & Enhanced wildlife habitat and other local resources by providing tree planting services to interested landowners.
- Promoted watershed planning as the preferred forum for citizens to develop local solutions to local natural resource problems.
- Increased public awareness of District by pursuing a public information campaign.

2008 Feature Accomplishment

Enhancement of Water Quality through Volunteerism

Resource Challenge

Multiple streams in the Palouse Conservation District (PCD) have been listed by the State as impaired because they do not meet minimum water quality standards. Many residents within the PCD are unaware of the effect this impaired designation represents.

Project Summary and Results

PCD worked with city and county governments to organize volunteer planting opportunities for students and community members. At each planting, volunteers were taught about the importance of riparian areas, water quality issues, and what they can do to help.

Over 125 volunteers help PCD plant more than 3,000 plants at 13 different riparian sites.

Key Project Partners

City of Pullman, City of Palouse, Whitman County Parks, WA State Department of Ecology, Washington State University, Groundworks, Private Landowners, and all the volunteers!



PCD AmeriCorps member teaching girl scouts about the importance of riparian vegetation



WSU students help stabilize streambank along the Palouse River

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More Work To Do

- Conservation Farm Planning and BMP Implementation
- Small Acreage Planning and BMP Implementation
- Stormwater/LID Planning and BMP Implementation
- Agricultural Burn Permits and Research
- Contract Tree Planting
- Conservation Tillage
- WRIA 34-Complete Phase IV of planning.